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SUBJECT: ODC INVITATION TO PRESIDENT JAWARA

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1. PRESIDENT JAWARA IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE MONROVIA
RECONCILIATION SUMMIT MARCH 16 WITH PRESIDENTS DEKOU
TOURE, SENGHOR, TOLBERT, AND
POUPHOUET. GAMBIAN DELEGATION
PLANS TO LEAVE BANJUL ON MARLP 14.

2. BETWEEN MARCH 16 AND THE END OF MARCH, THERE IS A
POSSIBILITY OF AN OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE TO DISCUSS
THE WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM. AS OF NOW, THE GOVERNMENTS
MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE WESTERN SAHARA ARE
SAYING THAT THE SUMMIT WILL GO AHEAD. BUT THERE ARE
REPORTS OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY REPRESENT A
BACKDOOR METHOD BEING UTILIZED BY THE MODERATES TO
TORPEDO THE SUMMIT. IN ANY EVENT, IF THE SUMMIT TAKES
PLACE, AND JAWARA DECIDES TO ATTEND, HE WOULD NOT BE
AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 24-30.

3. AS FOR LATE APRIL, JAWARA HAS A PARTY CONGRESS
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 23-25 IN BANJUL. THERE IS ALSO
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TALK OF A POSSIBLE ECOWAS SUMMIT DURING THAT PERIOD.

4. IF THE PROPOSED VISIT IS TO TAKE PLACE IN A CILSS
CONTEXT, AND IF IT IS DESIRED THAT CILSS MINISTER-
COORDINATOR ADRIEN SENGHOR ACCOMPANY JAWARA, THE FIRST
WEEK OF APRIL WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR SENGHOR. PRESIDENT
SENGHOR WILL BE SWORN IN FOR A NEW TERM ON APRIL 3,

AND WILL BE FORMING A NEW GOVERNMSNT WHICH WILL MOST
LIKELY INCLUDE ADRIEN SENGHOR. APRIL 4 IS IMPORTANT NATIONAL
DAY OBSERVANCE. HE WILL PRESUMABLY
WISH TO BE IN DAKAR DURING THAT WEEK.

5. CONCLUSION: THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH SHOULD NOT
BE RULED OUT, BUT IT MIGHT BE MORE FEASIBLE TO PLAN FOR
THE SECOND AND THIRD WEEKS OF APRIL.

6. FOREGOING COORDINATED WITH CHARGE WYGANT IN BANJUL.
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